RELIGIOUS READING.

PSALM CXLVIII. Hallelujah! all unite, Praise Jehovah in the height! From the heavens let praise arise To the Maker of the skies.

Praise Him, all ye angels bright, Praise Him, all ye stars of light! Praise Him, sun and moon, whos Beautify the nights and days.

Praise Him, ye that upward soar, Heavens of heavens for evermore Praise Him, waters of the sky, Stored in airy depths on high.

Let them praise His name, whose call Out of naught created all: Settled them by firm decree Since they first began to be.

Praise Jehovah from the earth! Praise the power that gave you birth, All ye monsters of the main— All the ocean's depths contain.

Praise Him, fire and ball and snow, Mists and stormy winds that blow Over sea and over land, Executing His command. Mountains and ye hillocks all, Fruitful trees and cedars tall, Herds and flocks the fields supply, Creeping things and birds that fly,

Kings o'er nations holding sway. And all peoples that obey. Champions of their country's cause, Princes, judges of the laws,

Both young men and maidens all, Aged men and children small— Praise His name, and celebrate, For His name alone is great.

He His people's horn will raise,
Dignify his saints with praise,
Near Him will a place affordHallelujah! praise the Lord!

-Abraham Celes, in N. K. Observer.

"JUDGE NOT."

How the Conscientions Christian Exer cises a Self-Restraint for the General Good and Thus Feels the Weight of the World Upon Him.

Many restraints are imposed on himself by the carefully conscientious Christian. Our Lord pointed to one of these when He said: "Judge not that ye be not judged." It is a warning that we will get back as good as we send if we flourish the lash of criticism too vigorously; but it is much more. A profound philosophy under-lies all our Master's injunctions, and in this case a practically simple rule rests on the deepest foundations. A world un which men never restrain their judgments-made up of men who render quick verdicts on all the items in the observed conduct of each other -is a morally impossible would. The victims will retaliate, and a scene of disorder will issue from the war of judgments. We are compelled to restrain our judging by that law of re-taliation which we read into a doctrine of self-defense. If one hurls the stone of condemnation, the man who is hit will hurl it back; and presently the air will be full of stones, and peace will become impossible. How far a man surrenders to society what belongs to him, in order that society may protect the rest of his rights and possessions, may be discussed forever without a

The philosophers of the "social comhave undertaken an impossible task, for no man can find any basis for giving a part (that one may keep the which is different from the promise he might make with a high-way robber. To this robber he might say: "Take my watch and let me keep my clothes." To society he might say: "Take my money and leave me my liberty:" or "Take as much of my property as you like and leave me the rest;" but there is no ethical basis for such a compromise. Our Lord seveals a solid moral foundation for self-im-posed sacrifice of so-called rights and privileges; and this basis is the simple ecessity of self-restraint as a condition of well-being.

If we judge harshly we shall be harshly judged. A society conducted on the principle of unlimited judgment and speech would be intolerable. Free-dom in such a world would have no value. Liberty begins to be precious only when we restrain ourselves of it. Parting with it in self-restraint, we keep all of it which is valuable in protection of our reasonable and practicable claims to freedom; but the simple rule reflects a higher truth out of its eloquent face, for the restrained judgment would not be righteously restrained by the Master's rule if it were not necessarily an un-righteous judgment; and it is unrightcous for at least three reasons: 1. It is not, and can not be, certainly true and sound. As the judgment of an imperfect intellect it must be liable to defects. 2. It can not be certainly and entirely free from the bias of wrong deeling. Few men of fine conscientions ness will trust themselves in all judgments upon all men. Iz some cases the feelings of the best man will warp his verdicts to injustice. 2. In a great multitude of cases we have no right to man's servant, and it is not our business. God will judge that matter, and we blaspheme when we decide it in advance of the day of judgment. These defects of judgment and misapplications and impudences of judgment reveal a highest reason for self-restraint. We do not know; we may possibly be prejudiced; it is the Lord's business. To pass any and every hasty judgment—and to do it as an exercise of fiberty -would be to convert liberty into a cloak for unrighteourness, and there

can not be any right to such liberty.
In substance, then, the surrendered rights never existed. No man yields up to society any thing which belongs to him. It was never his right to condemn without evidence, and to gratify his passion by a vindictive judgment. All the judgments from which he is restrained may fall under one or the other head, if, indeed, some of them are not attempts to exercise the office of the judge of all men; but is the motive, that ye be not judged, a high one? Yes; but high and low are terms relative to one's moral nature. The man who sees no dignity, elevation, moral sublimity, in a rule which, so to say, pivots the world on self-interest, is probably incapable of high and holy self-judgment and self-restraint. For our part, we confess that there is an inspiring power in the thought that Jesus appeals to the sensitive moral nature on this side of its self-interest, and teaches the individul man that the

Each becomes responsible for the din and clash of a world of warring judg-

Is not this the very simplicity of the teaching of Christ—the very difficulty withal which stumbles the sinful world? He surely goes into the individual soul to accomplish the redemption of the world. He saves men only as He saves a man; and this man He saves after the man has come to a sense of personal need of salvation. Always must our Lord be read and understood as dealing with the best interests and deepest needs of individua. souls. He appeals to self that He may abolish the selfish life. He saves the self that the saved self may live unto Him who died for him. No, that can not be really a low motive which lifts a man to self-surrender in the very interest of self-preservation. The fact that it lifts, that the man rises by it, is the sufficient proof that the motive is high. It is in truth no mean motive, but the highest in our human horizon, which prompts us to obey the law of that self-restraint which imposes silence on our clamorous judgments against our fellow-men.-N. W. Christian Advo-

God's Love.

Into all our lives, in many simple, familiar, homely ways, God infuses his element of joy from the surprises of life which unexpectedly brighten our days, and fill our eyes with light. He drops this added sweetness into His children's cup, and makes it to run over. The success we were not counting on, the blessing we were not trying after, the strain of music in the midst of drudgery, the beautiful morn ing picture or sunset glory thrown in as we pass to or from our daily business, the unsought word of encourage ment or expression of sympathy, the sentence that meant more for us than the writer or speaker thought—these and a hundred others that every one's and a hundred others that every one's experience can supply are instances of what I mean. You may call it accident or chance—it often is; you may call it human goodness—it often is; but always, always call it God's love, for that is always in it. These are the overflowing riches of His grace, these are His free gifts.—Samuel Longfellow.

A Perfect Hope.

If we will, we may have all the future filled with a great light and our hearts made victorious over sorrow and fear of change and dread of the waknown, by the calm certainty of a hope which knows that it will be more than fulfilled. We build our firmest earthly hopes on peradventures. We may found Heavenly and eternal ones on "Verily, verily I say unto you." Do not build on sand when you may build on rock. Do not spin frail hopes out of your own fancies and desires, like spiders' webs, which at the best will be rudely brushed away by the besom of death; but weave the golden thread of His promise and the silken thread of His love into a fabric that shall wax not old till the heavens pass away. Take Christ for "your Hope," and then you will have a perfect hope for earth and a perfect and superabundant fulfilment in Heaven.—Maolaren.

CHOICE EXTRACTS.

-No man is matriculated to the art of life till he has been well tempted. -George Eliot.

-The innocence of the intention abates nothing of the mischief of the example. -Baptist Weekly.

-The common-places of our faith

on argument -T. Reid.

- My will, not Thine, be dome, turned Paradise into a desert "Thy will, not mine, be done," turned the desert into a paradise, and made Geth semane the gate of Heaven. - Pressense.

-If cruelty has its expiations and its remorses, generosity has its chances and its turns of good fortune, as it Providence reserved them for fitting occasions, that neble hearts may not be discouraged.-Lamartine.

-When all our hopes are gone, is well our hands must still keep tolling or —When all our most still keep toning—For others' sake;
For strength to bear is found in duty done.
And he is blest, indeed, who learns to make
The joy-of-others cure his own heartsche.
—Exchange.

-Moral courage is more worth having than physical; not only because it is a higher virtue, but because the demand for it is more constant. Physical courage is a virtue which is almost always put away in the lumber-room Moral courage is wanted day by day. -Charles Buxton.

-The greatest man is he who choose the right with invincible resolution, who resists the socest temptations from within and without, who bears the heaviest burdens cheerfully, who is calmest in storms, most fearless under menace and frowns, whose reliance on truth, on virtue, on God, is most un-Laltering. - Channing.

-You can not stay the chell in its flight; after it has left the mortar it goes on to its mark and there explodes, dealing destruction all around. Just as little can you stay the consequences of a sin after it has been committed. You may repent of it, you may be forgiven for it, but still it goes on its deadly and desolating way. It has passed entirely beyond your seach; once done it can not be undone.—Wm.

M. Taylor. -The Bible is a precious storebouse and the Magna Charts of a Christian. and the Magna Charts of a Christian.
There he reads of his Heavenly Father's
love, and of his dying Saviour's legacies. There he sees a map of His
travels through the wilderness, and a
landscape, too, of Canaan. And whea
he climbs on Pisgah's tops, and views
the promised land, his heart begins to
burn, delighted with the blessed prospect, and amazed at the rich and free salvation. But a mere professor, though a decent one, looks on the Bible as a dull book, and peruses it with such indifference as you would read order and peace of the world depend on his self-restraint. It burdens each the title-deeds belonging to another man with the weight of the world man's estate.—Berridge.

AMERICAN CHURCHES.

A Plea for Less Decorative Illusions an

However well-planned our churche re-and many of them are admirably arranged and excellently plannedtheir interiors suffer by the same de fects as the external design. Repose, dignity and simplicity are rare qual Gaudiness and over-decoration are frequent, every inch of wall space being tormented with stenciled ornamentation, often in loud and inhareach other, and give no rest or satisfaction to the eye. Sometimes, on the other hand, these interiors are painfully bare and white, cold and dazzling to the eye. To steer between these two evils-to secure richness without ostentation, or simplicity without bareness—is not easy, nor is it often done. Fortunately, ambitious flights into the domain of figure-painting are rarely attempted; for the failure is apt to be deplorable and ludicrous.

Far less excusable, however, than merely artistic faults, is the prevalence of sham in the construction of our

churches. One would imagine that here, at least, honesty and sobriety should prevail. And yet there is no class of buildings, except theaters, where imitations and shams are so general. Sanded wooden pinnacles on stone spires and buttresses; sanded wooden cornices and balustrades; cheap pine pews and wainscoting painted and grained to simulate costly woods; brick columns plastered to resemble stone, and lath and plaster vaulting, pretending to be of masonry these are all so common as to be al most matters of course. They are used to produce a false impression of richness and beauty, just as a vain woman wears paste jewelry; and there is little difference between the two motives. Does it never occur to our churches that it is morally wrong thus to pretend to a wealth and resources that do not exist? And yet, did they but know it, the eye gains far more satisfaction from a simple, well-proportioned, honestly-built interior, where all is solid and genuine, than from a richly-decorated interior, where all is fraud of stucce and paint. Their search after beauty is in the wrong direction, since it ignores the principle that the highest beauty in architecture is based on good construc-tion. A great reform is here necessary; the builder's tricks and the decorator's illusions must be suppressed. Solidity. durability, permanence, resistance to the ravages of fire and time, must be recognized as essentials in church building, and far more important than much gilding and "frescoing." Until the moral principle involved is recognized, these disreputable frauds and shams will continue. - Prof. A. A. F. Hamlin

HELPING HERSELF.

in N Y. Independent.

Skinned an Alligator. An Englishwoman, now living . her farm near Opeiousas, heard some time ago that in a ditch in her field was a good-sized alligator. Not a hit distressed was she, but quite delighted, and anxious to possess its skin. Accordingly she had it captured and killed, but from superstition or other silly motive not a man on the place was willing to do the skinning. Final-ly, the lady prevailed ever the objec-tions of one, but he set about the task so awkwardly that she dismissed him and undertook it herself. hatchet and knife she and her little ten-year-old daughter, actually re-moved the skin entire. It was hard are the food upon which our faith work, especially to her who knew will most richly feed.—Dr. A. MacLaren.

work, especially to her who knew nothing of such things, had never seen an alligator skinned, and had little -One of the most important dis- idea of how to accomplish it. But actinctions of our judgments is that some complish it she did, and now, cured and straightened, her treasure hangs man is laying up money when he is salting in the parlor, an honored trophy, not it down.—Chicago Journal. beautiful, but rare, alongside of her fancy etagere and elegant piano. She points to it with pride and says triumphantly: "There are not many of my country-women who can say, as I can, 'I have

skinned an alligator. This same lady has traveled extensively through Europe and North America, but heartily declares that there is "no place like home"-viz. her present home on the prairie. She labors with her own hands teward its improvement. She painted her floors, papered her walls, hung up bright English pictures in home-made frames of her own contriving, and tumed her hand to any bit of extreentering, cab inet-making, plumbing, etc., needed in the house. She has laid out garden beds constructed brick walks, and made her little parterre, with its roses portulaceas, pansies, ice-plant, candy taft and mignonette-a thing of joy and beauty. She digs and hoes, fertilizes weeds, plants in propria persona, and draws the line only at plowing and fencing.—N. O. Picayune.

The Way of the World.

Car Conductor (to man who is trying to get on board when car and platform are crowded)-Better wait for the next car, sir, only three minutes be-hind this one, sir. We are packed

Man pushes on all the same. Say indignantly-Street ears are for the accommodation of the public, ain't

Another day. Same man seated in car. People crowding in and filling the sisle. He growls—Strange that folks will crowd in when they see a car is crowded. Ought to be a law to pre vent it - Chicago Mail.

A Contemptible Swindle

Tom Anjerry, a somewhat dissipate student at the University of Texas, remarked to his bosom friend, Bill

"I'm in a streak of bad luck."
"What has happened to you?"
"My uncle has just voluntarily sent me a check for twenty-five dollars."
"Where is the bad luck about that?"

"You see I was just going to borrow fifty dollars from him, and now I can't in decency do it. The old scoundrel has headed me off. I've been fleeced out of twenty-five dollars by the call willain."—Texas Siftings.

WIZARD OF THE TREASURY.

A Man Whe Does the Work of Three Ord

inary Government Clerks.

In all the departments there are employes who hold their positions, not on the strength of their political influence, out upon the strength of their peculiar abilities. Among these is Patrick Byrnes, of the division of loans in the Treasury Department. For a dozen years, not an interest check has left the Department that has not passed monious colors. The different parts through his hands. The interest on of the decoration of times neutralize the bond is paid quarterly, and to inthe bond is paid quarterly, and to insure absolute certainty that none of the checks goes astray, it is absolutely necessary that they should all be sealed by one individual. As the holders of bonds are represented in number by many thousands it would take three ordinary clerks to do the work, but Byrnes does the mailing single-banded. The checks are brought single-handed. The checks are brought down from the loan division and piled on his desk like stacks of cord-wood. Each one must get in its right envel-ope, which has been previously ad-dressed; then Byrnes begins.

With no mechanical assistance ex-

cept a wet sponge, he starts in to do the sealing. Those who have seen Blitz or Hermann handle a pack of playing cards before a wonder-stricken audience, might have some idea of the way that Byrnes riffles the checks into the envelopes. Fifty a minute. How he does it no one knows. It is a sleight of hand, but so rapidly performed that the eye can not follow the movement. Thump, thump, thump all day long and at the close of the departmental day he has filled three store boxes with sealed envelopes. Does he ever make a mistake? Well, no. The checks vary from \$50 to \$5,000 and a single mistake on his part might cost him a year's salary. It is safe to say he never makes one. Of the thousands of people who quarterly receive these in-terest checks few know of the wizard through whose hands they have passed.

Louisville Post.

They Let Him Ride.

Scene-F street car, Saturday after-Dramatis persons - Three young ladies, Treasury clerks, and ultra-exquisite dude, strangers all around.

Dude, to young lady nearest farebox-"Aw, may I twouble you, Miss, to pwas my fawaish?" handing the young lady a quarter, which she "dwops" into the "bwox."

Dude fidgets about a few moments, and then, addressing the young lady, says—"Aw, pawdon me. Miss, but

that was a qwartah you dwopped in the bwox."

Young lady, graciously—"Oh, was it? Well, I guess they'll let you ride for a quarter." Dude sucks his cane and tries think .- Washington Critic.

Ex-MAYOR LATROBE, Baltimore, Md., says the best cough medicine is Red Star Cough Curs. Twenty-five cents a bottle.

Two HEADS ought to be better than one. Four lips are certainly better than two.—Somerville Journal.

Tennyson's "May Queen."
Who knows but if the beautiful girl whe
died so young had been blessed with Dr.
Plerce's "Favorite Prescription" she might
have reigned on many another bright Mayday. The "Favorite Prescription" is a certain cure for all those disorders to which
females are liable.

The biggest gum-boil on record has been discovered in a mucilage factory.—Marchant Traveler.

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Don't hawk, and blow, and spit, but use Dr. Sage's Catarrh Remedy.

Berween our thermometers and colleges the degree crop is drawing ahead of the peach ditto.—Life. THE best cough medicine is Piso's Cure for Consumption. Sold everywhere. 26c.

MOONLIGHT walks with your best girl are nothing but lovely strolls.—Lowell Courier. Ir afflicted with Sore Eyes, use Dr. Isaa bosupson's Eye Water. Druggists sell it. 25c

A surr of armor was the old-fashio MANT a singar's voice has been wrecke at C.—Whi chill Times,

When we were at school we used to wish that history would repeat itself, as we so often heard it would do.—Lowell Cilizen.

It is a curious fact that whenever a British Parliament gets into hot water it is sure to dissolve.

THERTEEN is an unlucky number at a boarding howse table where there is only dinner enough for twelve.—N. O. Picayane.

A GROCER advertises "something ne coffee." We are giad that beans have their day, anyway. A new and improved post-hole has been patented. It must be of a kind that can be taken up and cut into lengths.

MAMMA—"Frankie, are you eating thos green apples again!" Frankie — 'No anamma I'm eating some others"—Har sers' Young People.

Did it ever occur to you what a funny thing a postage-stamp is? Even the department can't sell it after they cancel it.—Eoston Budget.

"That wall is plumb," said a mason his foreman, but that fellow who put water and gas pipes is plumber."—N. Lolyer.

A rec would seem the best subject for medical students to experiment on, as be sould be killed first and cured afterwards GUSHALINA Writes: "It tortures me to pen the words." Well, if the pen tortures you, reciprocate by putting it on the rack.

National Westly.

A VERMONY man has invented a sleight ade of paper. Nothing new about that made of paper. Nothing new about that We have used a paper cutter for years. Term Siftings.

It Should be Generally Enown that the multitude of diseases of a scrofulous nature generally proceed from a torpid condition of the liver. The blood becomes impure because the liver does not act properly and work off the poison from the system, and the certain results are blotches, pimples, cruptions, swellings, tumors, ulcers and kindred affections, or settling upon the lungs and poisoning their delicate tissues, until ulceration, breaking down, and consumption is established. Dr. Pierce's "Golden Medical Discovery" will, by acting upon the liver and purifying the by acting upon the liver and purifying the blood, cure all these diseases.

THE raciest articles are written by horse reporters.—Texas Siftings.

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Is the doctor orders bark, has not the patient a right to grow!!—N. Y. Ledger.

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WHERE are all the bad actors? "Reactbe answer in the stars."-N. O. Picayune.

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